

Expectations for Members of the Environmental Education Certification Class

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1. Members of the class are expected to attend all workshops. The reason for this is two fold. First, the courses model good environmental education practices. Understanding and using good EE practices is at least as important as learning the content. Second, interacting with other environmental educators from diverse backgrounds and viewpoints enhances our own learning and builds a stronger community to advocate for environmental literacy in the Commonwealth.
2. Members of the class must take and pass all assessments in order to be certified. 70% is generally agreed upon as a passing grade for each assessment but all efforts will be made to help any applicant who does not pass a particular assessment to gain the knowledge and skills needed to pass it on the next try.
3. At the culmination of the certification program, applicants will be asked to sign a code of ethics for environmental educators.
4. Applicants who complete certification are asked to mentor members of subsequent classes.
5. Applicants are encouraged (though not required) to join their national and state environmental education organizations. Kentucky's EE Association (the Kentucky Association for Environmental Education) is one of oldest state EE organizations in the nation and has won national awards for its work. The North American Association for Environmental Education represents environmental educators in Canada, Mexico, the U.S and dozens of other countries.